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Title:	METHOD FOR SELECTING A	)	Docket No.: 31083.05US2
	FULFILLMENT PLAN FOR	)	
	MOVING AN ITEM WITHIN AN	)	
	INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN	)	

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With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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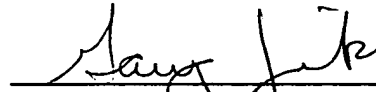
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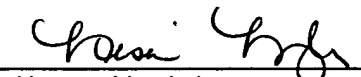
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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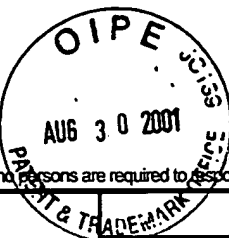
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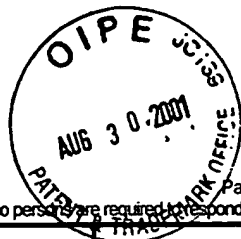
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